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GAR SQUARE.

Midsummer Growth.

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Unequalled and Unparalleled

Hot Weather Record.

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The World Makes an Average Gain

for July, 1892, Over July, 1891,

of 53,230 Copies per Day.

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Total number of Worlds

printed in July, 1892, 11,779,526

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printed in July, 1891, 10,129,400

Gain.....

1,650,126

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Same month last year.....

50,593

Gain.....

11,358

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The Evening World Prints Asso-

ciated Press News.

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The new Wall Paper Trust will stick it

\$30,000,000 can make it.

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There are signs that the political armies

are warming up to the fray.

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There is an infinite variety about the

weather product of this fleeting Summer.

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The present filibusterers at Washing-

ton impose a tax on the people's patience.

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It will be a rash Congressman who next

ventures into print concerning colleagues

in their cups.

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Some of the police reports of the day

seem to indicate that the era of "gangs"

has returned in New York.

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Two hazers at West Point are tasting

bitter dregs of discipline for less brutality

than that of Col. STRATTON at Home-

stead.

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Instantaneous photographs of the local

thermometers, taken from time to time

this season, would form an interesting

series.

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Are those people lawfully and peacefully

assembled who meet to eulogize a would-

be assassin, whose sole regret is that he

did not kill?

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Nobody has reported a blush on the

face of Mars, though all the big spec-

tacles in the land are turned on his

cheerful countenance.

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The distance between the earth and

Mars at present is only 35,000,000 miles,

or something less than the distance be-

tween HARRISON and PLATT.

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Another man has lighted his pipe be-

side a keg of powder. The novel feature

of this latest case is that the smoker will

in time recover. In other instances the

remains have barely been recovered.

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The New York Yacht Club starts on its

forty-fourth annual cruise to-day. Clever

mariners, those of this fleet; up to all

tricks of wind and tide. A swelling sail

and a merrily dipping prow to each and

every white-winged craft of the coterie.

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Don't let the cool spell congeal your

generous impulses towards suffering fel-

low-creatures. The end is not yet, for

this summer, of days when THE EVENING

WORLD's fund for the sick babies will

afford blessed means of relief in the ten-

ments.

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An Ulster County woman of fifty, the

mother of eleven children, has achieved

her second elopement within a year. The

husband, who forgave her once, now says

she is quite too giddy for him. Which

shows that it is impossible to calculate

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COAL COMBINE TACTICS.

One despatch from Philadelphia tells us that the "arrest suit" against the Reading combination, which was set down for a hearing yesterday, was postponed until today owing to the absence in Washington of Senator Wolcott, the chief counsel of the Reading Company.

Another despatch, also from Philadelphia, conveys the information that the price of coal for that city was advanced yesterday 15 cents at the mines, and adds that the retail dealers will add about 50 cents per ton to present quotations.

While the robber coal barons thus plunder the people with one hand, with the other they easily push back the legal proceedings brought against them and succeed in getting postponement after postponement, delay after delay in the courts. There is no postponement, no delay for a single hour after they have held their secret meetings and resolved to make a new raid on the pockets of the consumers and to draw a few additional millions into their own already plethoric treasuries.

ANARCHISTIC SPOUTING.

Any impression that the Anarchists of New York were a death-dealing or otherwise dangerous body has been dispelled by the evidence given at their meeting last night that they are merely a small gang of windy and stupid cranks. Their speeches were merely dull and dreary repetitions of hush which no one cares for, their theories were mere idiosyncrasies and their statements mostly lies. America is not worse than Siberia. It is not a country in which labor is being starved by capital, or in which liberty is being crushed out by oppression. It is the best country in the world; it is the country which has done the most for humanity. Its people are, on the whole, better off than any other population known to history, and the defects which are yet to be corrected are going to be corrected by the wisdom of the sensible millions, not by the lunacy of the Anarchist spouters who raved and frothed last night.

THE CONGRESSIONAL QUANDARY.

The filibustering proceedings now disgracing the House of Representatives will do much to destroy any good reputation Congress may have secured by its former work in the present session. The blockade of the Sundry Civil Service bill stops the machinery of the Government, or would do so but for the hand-to-mouth expedient of extending last year's appropriations from day to day. The obstructive proceedings of the minority are not induced by a justifiable determination to resist an assault on the rights of the people or to defeat a great public wrong. They are simply the result of a determination of a minority to defeat the World's Fair appropriation, which a majority of both houses has approved, and which the honor of the nation justifies and demands.

The principle that the majority rules in a free government cannot be safely ignored, and these obstructivists are seeking to defeat that principle by revolutionary proceedings, not for any public end, but to gratify and satisfy their own personal desire to prevent the proposed appropriation to a great National undertaking.

AQUEDUCT CONTRACTS.

The Aqueduct Commissioners' right to throw out all the recent bids for the new Croton Dam and to advertise the work over again is to be contested in the courts. One of the bids was remarkably low, being about \$1,000,000 below the estimates of the engineers in work amounting to a trifle over \$4,000,000. This bid was put in by a Baltimore firm. The individuals were personally good, but the firm, which was the bidder, was of limited responsibility and without sufficient capital. It was considered that the security was unsatisfactory and that the city would be likely to be involved in litigation if the bid should be accepted. Hence it was unanimously rejected.

There are several other bids from all parts of the country, the work having been extensively advertised. The next lowest to the rejected bid was between \$300,000 and \$400,000 below the engineers' estimates. The bidder is a responsible New York contractor who has done similar work for the city in a satisfactory manner.

Subsequently the Aqueduct Commission met and rejected all the remaining bids. The second lowest bidder now secures a Supreme Court order requiring the Board to show cause next Friday why the contract should not be awarded to him.

The law authorizes the Aqueduct Commission to reject any or all bids, and does not require it to award a contract to the lowest bidder.

But the contention is that this power is bestowed on the Commission to be exercised for the benefit of the city and not to the injury of the city, or to favor or injure any contractor. It is insisted that the acceptance of the second lowest bid would have been in every respect to the advantage of the city; that the price was fair and moderate, the bidder wholly responsible and capable, and his work known to the city as first class, and his sureties unquestionable. It is further contended that it was unjust to this contractor to advertise the work over again after his prices had been made public and had thus become known to rival bidders.

The legal point will turn on the question whether the power to reject all bids is arbitrary, to be exercised in an arbitrary manner, or whether it carries with it the plain requirement that the rejection shall be for the interest and protection of the city, and by implication makes it the duty of the Commissioners to accept a bid which can be clearly shown to be for the public good. The decision will be of much interest and importance to all parties concerned in aqueduct contracts.

NOT INDICTABLE.

When District Attorney NICOLL signified his intention of directing the atten-

tion of the Grand Jury to the violent articles in the two Anarchist journals in this city, THE EVENING WORLD suggested that he might find it a very difficult matter to base any indictment on the expression of sentiments or opinions alone, however vile and revolutionary they might be, in the absence of any direct attempt to incite a lawless act or any advice to commit a crime.

Mr. NICOLL finds that there is no statute of the State which makes it an offense to publish inflammatory articles in a journal. Probably this is to be regretted, inasmuch as such articles doubtless have an injurious effect on weak minds. Still, they do not directly advise any distinct crime, and the position of the United States in favor of entire freedom of opinion in the press and everywhere else gives a wide latitude to incendiary utterances.

A CALAMITY HOWLER.

Maj.-Gen. SNOWDEN takes a very despondent view of the political condition of the State of Pennsylvania, the second largest State in the Union. He says:

To my mind it is very evident that the authorities of the State will eventually have to join in actual battle with Anarchy and the Communists. Instead of continuing the efforts of quietude and pacific officers to preserve discipline in the ranks of the militia, they should do everything in their power to uphold them. I believe the hour is not far distant when peace and order will have to be far from the thoughts of the laymen. As our fathers fought for independence and the war of the rebellion was waged for the Union, so, unless all else fails, we will have to fight for our homes, liberty and institutions in the not far distant future.

This is indeed a startling picture to draw of a commonwealth which has benefited in a greater degree than any other State in the Union by fostering legislation. Let us hope that the dismal picture drawn by Gen. SNOWDEN does not correctly represent the present condition of the good State of Pennsylvania, and that it is not as rebellious and lawless as he represents it.

A POLITICAL STRAW.

The election in Alabama passed off quietly yesterday and the result has disappointed the expectation of those who have been predicting a break in the solid Democracy of the South through the union of Republicans and bolting Democrats or the Alliance party in that and other Southern States.

The majority for the Democratic Governor is estimated at about 20,000. It will certainly be large. A marked feature of the election is the refusal of the negroes in almost every county in the State to support the combined opposition. Their votes very generally were cast for the Democratic candidate. The election in Alabama has been regarded as a test of the strength of the movement against the Democracy in four or five of the Southern States in the Presidential contest, and its result does not seem to encourage the hope that inroads can be made on the solid Democratic electoral column this year.

THE BABY MOON OF MARS.

Baby planets are just as interesting as baby hippopotami. That is why the new planetary craze opened on Mars by the Lick Observatory astronomers has caused a general straining of optic nerves in the direction of our neighbor orb, and has given a rattling boom to the ten-cent telescopes on our street corners.

Looked at through the space-searching California lens, Mars' two moons were found to be tiny bits of things, so insignificant that one of them doesn't look any bigger from the surface of the orb it circles than a baseball sailing on a font tip over the Polo grounds fence. They are dear little baby bits of moons, with nursing bottles filled from the generous stream of the milky way, and we can't help admiring their cuteness and murmuring "goo goo" as we gaze towards the interplanetary spot on which their cradles rock.

From the days of COPERNICUS and TYCHO BRAHE to those of IRVING HICKS and WIMBORNS no astronomical revelation has thrilled the world with such exquisite pleasure as has this introduction to our notice of Mars' toasty-woolies. Mars is the first planet of our era that has had a baby, and it has twins. They first saw the light fifteen years ago—the light of discovery—but aside of age are as seconds on our sphere, so Mars' chickadees have only just about opened their eyes by this time. And you know what joys babies are when they take their first look around at the rest of the family and begin to get acquainted with things.

SCHNAPPAEDEL's canals interest no more, and FLAMMARION's conceit about monster Martial hieroglyphs designed to attract the attention of savans on this earth has no further charm for us. Mars' baby moons are now our delight. If they were on view in Central Park, wild crowds they would draw. But they hang high and bright among the moving musical spheres of the solar system, and we hope they do not keep any body on Mars awake at night with their squallings.

There is more than the discomfort of the directly affected passengers to be thought of in connection with the abandonment of the lower tracks of the Seventh Avenue surface road. The syndicate controlling that railway is the same which has before the Board of Aldermen applications for leave to make changes on others of its city lines in which a threat of the trolley may be read. If this syndicate plays the mischief with the public on the strength of one franchise how can its fair promises be trusted in any other? Leave no room, Messrs. Aldermen, for the introduction of the trolley terror.

There is now over \$5,000 in the Sick Babies' Fund. We are getting very close to the \$10,000 mark. Another week ought to send us bounding into the region of five figures. With this cool weather and the liberal importuning of money, it looks as if the babies of the poor were about to have a very good Summer after all.

It is a depressing state of affairs that brings about the idleness of 15,000 men in the building trades, in the metropolitan district, at what should be the most prosperous period for those trades. No possible means of ending the strike to the good of all parties concerned should be neglected.

OVER \$8,000 NOW IN.

And the Sick Babies' Fund Is Booming Along Towards Five Figures Finely.

It Will Reach the \$10,000 Line in a Few Days.

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Fairs and Entertainments That Are Yielding Nice Sums.

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